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New Evidence Filed In Alger Hiss Spy Case

NEW YORK — Former state department official Alger Hiss, 75, has presented new evidence in his latest attempt to overturn his 1950 conviction for perjury in denying under oath that he had given documents to a confessed Soviet spy courier. The 168-page brief submitted in Federal District Court in Manhattan last Tuesday includes 250 pages of FBI documents disclosing that his home telephone had been tapped from Dec. 13, 1945, until at least Sept. 13, 1947. It contends that the tapping let the government garner 2,500 pages of details on Hiss family relationships that could have been used by his accuser, Whittaker Chambers, in contending that the two men were intimate acquaintances.